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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING POROUS
METAL PLATE AND ELECTRODE FOR
ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERIES

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Sir:

The above-identified application has been submitted without an executed oath or declaration.

It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a serial number and awarded a filing date pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b).

A duly executed oath or declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 will be submitted after notification by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(f).

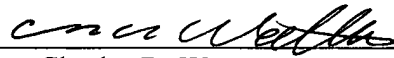
A non-executed copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, containing the inventorship information, is attached. It is respectfully requested that all communications be directed to the firm indicated on the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, namely:

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Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING POROUS METAL PLATE AND ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERIES

of which is described and claimed in:

() the attached specification, or

(X) the specification in application Serial No. _____, filed July 28, 2003, and with amendments through _____, or

() the specification in International Application No. _____, filed _____, and as amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2002-224564	August 1, 2002	YES
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Japan	2002-229764	August 7, 2002	YES

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